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Office Action Summary

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HONG, SEONG-BEOM

Examiner

Khawar Iqbal

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Finality Withdrawn

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonnenschein et al (6125080) and further in view of Reynolds (5929777).

Regarding claim 1 Sonnenschein et al teaches a device for transmitting SOS signals in a mobile telecommunication terminal (MTT), comprising (figs. 1-2):

a memory for storing code signals of a format corresponding to each of a plurality of SOS phrases (col. 2, lines 41-64);

a user interface for selecting one of the SOS phrases stored in the memory of the MTT (col. 2, lines 41-64, col. 6, lines 55-67, col. 11, line 40-col. 12, line 4);

a control section for selecting the stored code signal corresponding to the selection of a user (col.6, lines 55-67);

a frequency generation section for generating a local oscillating frequency signal of a predetermined bandwidth When in an SOS service mod and for communicating

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with an other MTT via a base station when not in the SOS service mode (col.4, lines 4-18, col. 9, lines 3-35, col. 7, lines 27-49); and

a frequency modulation section for modulating a frequency of the selected code signal of the corresponding format by inputting the local oscillating frequency signal of the predetermined bandwidth, and transmitting the modulated signal (col. 3, line 64-col. 4, line 18, col. 9, lines 3-35, col. 7, lines 27-49). Sonnenschein et al does not specifically teach wherein the MTT transfers to the SOS service mode when the user requests emergency assistance and when the MTT cannot communication via the base station.

In an analogous art, Reynolds teaches wherein the MTT transfers to the SOS service mode when the user requests emergency assistance and when the MTT cannot communication via the base station (col. 3, lines 45-64, col. 6, lines 14-47). A radio receiver of beacon unit receives message transmitted on a radio frequency communication channel, from central base control (102). The received message is stored in the message storage device. The signaling device generates coded infrared distress signal (114) to convey message corresponding to received information to a locator device (116) housed in portable units. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Sonnenschein et al by specifically adding feature the MTT transfers to the SOS service mode when the user requests emergency assistance and when the MTT cannot communication via the base station in order to enhance system performance as taught by Reynolds.

As to claim 7 it is considered the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claims 2 and 8 Sonnenschein et al teaches wherein the user interface provides a sentence editing function for editing the SOS phrases (col. 11, line 40-col. 12, line 5).

Regarding claims 3 and 9 Sonnenschein et al teaches wherein the frequency bandwidth is a bandwidth used by rescue teams (col. 3, lines 53-col. 4, line 18, col. 12, lines 55-67).

Regarding claims 4 and 10 Sonnenschein et al teaches wherein the frequency bandwidth is a high frequency bandwidth (col. 3, lines 5-11).

Regarding claims 5 and 11 Sonnenschein et al teaches wherein the frequency generation section generates a predetermined frequency allotted for an SOS service in the mobile telecommunication terminal (col. 3, line 53-col. 4, line 18, col. 9, lines 3-35).

Regarding claims 6 and 12 Sonnenschein et al do not specifically teach wherein the code of the corresponding format is Morse code. Sonnenschein et al teaches the communication device includes a demodulator for demodulating received modulated signals to produce a demodulated string. A decoder is used for decoding a message from the demodulated string. A display displays a received message and an identification code of a transmitter.

In an analogous art, Reynolds teaches wherein the code of the corresponding format is Morse code (col. 4, lines 24-26, col. 6, lines 53-54). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

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modify the device of Sonnenschein et al by specifically adding features in order to enhance system performance of the code of the corresponding format is Morse code purpose of increasing the efficiency of system as taught by Reynolds.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAWAR IQBAL whose telephone number is 703-306-3015.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **BANKS-HAROLD, MARSHA**, can be reached at 703-305-4379.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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